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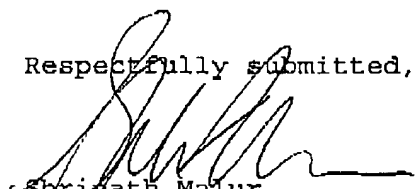
REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-9, 13 and 15 have been amended.
Claims 16-20 were previously canceled. Claims 21-28 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-15 and 21-28 are currently pending in the application.

The claims have been amended to be in better form grammatically and idiomatically. New claims have also been submitted that are of a different scope than the previously pending claims.

Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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